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Re: New U.S. Divisional Patent Application
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)
Inventor: Manuel J. Villa and Susan A. Henry
For "CELLS ENGINEERED TO CONTAIN GENES OF INTEREST"
Atty. Docket No.:99-006-Div

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced new divisional patent application:

1. A new divisional patent application having 54 pages, including 47 pages of specification, 6 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract and 14 sheets of drawings claiming priority from Serial No. 09/678,339;
2. A copy of the previously submitted executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from previously filed application Serial No. 09/678,339;
3. A copy of the previously submitted executed Verified Statements (Declarations) Claiming Small Entity Status - Independent Inventors and Small Business Concern, from previously filed application Serial No. 09/678,339;
4. An Information Disclosure Statement and completed Form PTO-1449 from previously filed application Serial No. 09/678,339; and
5. A self-addressed stamped postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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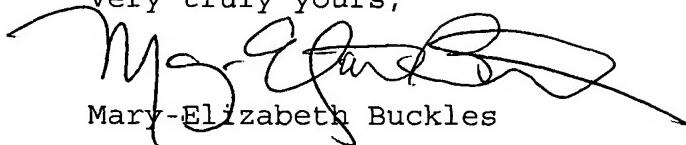
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